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The Governor Charles R. Mabey,  
State Capitol Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Governor:-

The writer was advised of Chris Hammer and his step-son, Peter Moe, being in the State Prison for having forged a \$338.35 check on the Tri State Mercantile Company of Wendover, Utah, so I called up Mr. Hammer last Monday to ascertain everything in detail he knew connected with this affair.

Mr. Hammer states that he and Mr. Moe were en route to Idaho to get work. Arriving at Wendover, where Mr. Hammer is pretty well acquainted having been in the sheep business and wintered around this place, he evidently met with some of his friends and took a few drinks of moonshine. While somewhat under the influence of liquor he signed another party's name to this check and received \$278.35 in groceries and \$60.00 in cash. The two started out for Idaho but at Rogerson they were overtaken by Sheriff A. O. Evans of Tooele and Sheriff Evans brought Mr. Hammer back to Wendover, thence to Tooele via Salt Lake City but Mr. Moe came to Salt Lake City on his own volition with a party coming this way by automobile.

Mr. Hammer returned the entire amount of the forged check in groceries and cash and then Sheriff Evans and Mr. Lyman intimidated Mr. Hammer to the effect that Hammer hardly knew what to do. Sheriff Evans insisted that the team, harness and wagon be turned over to Lyman saying that if Hammer did this it would not go so hard with him, so before leaving Rogerson Hammer gave A. A. Lyman the bill of sale for the team, harness and wagon but he asked for \$10.00 to send his wife, which was given him. The team was mortgaged for \$96.00 so that he thus far has received only \$106.00 for an outfit for which he had been offered several times \$350.00 and which he turned down.

Mr. Lyman took this team, harness and wagon back to Wendover and from what the writer can learn the Tri State Mercantile Company disposed of this outfit and kept the balance.

When Sheriff Evans caught Hammer in Idaho Hammer was asked if he would return without requisition papers being drawn up and he said: "Sure I Will" and he showed no disposition whatsoever of evading the law. Sheriff Evans came over to Salt Lake City and took Mr. Moe over to Tooele. The following Monday Mr. Moe was to start